

Demarco Webster, Jr., 14;
Deandre Banks, 16;
Elijah House, 16;
Clarence Coakley, 16;
Javon Wilson, 15;
Diego Alvarado, 16;
Christopher Brandon, 16;
Gregory Livingston, 15;
Malik McNeese, 16;
Bruce Owens, 15;
Diabolique Anderson, 16;
Willie Woodus, 15;
Clavonte Eubanks, 15;
Takiya Holmes, 11;
Lavontay White, Jr., 2;
Deshawn Martin, 15;
Mishawn Green, 16;
Kanari Gentry-Bowers, 12;
Laquan Allen, 14;
Jaquarius Davis, 16;
Julio Cesar Garcia-Lara, 15;
Kahari Stovall, 16;
Diego Villada, 15;
Jesus Escobar, 16;
Alexis Stubbs, 12; and
Jazebel Aleman, 3.

Mr. Speaker, not one of these children was over 16 years old. They should be learning to drive, learning to code, playing with dolls, and enjoying their own summer recess. That will never again be possible because of this Chamber's inaction.

RECOGNIZING MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Monroe County, Michigan's bicentennial celebration.

Founded on July 14, 1817, Monroe County is the second oldest county in Michigan and is named in honor of our Nation's fifth President, James Monroe.

Home to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, Monroe County takes great pride in preserving local history and telling the story of the War of 1812 and those who fought to secure our freedoms.

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Monroe County is blessed with many precious natural resources, wildlife, and outdoor areas for the community to enjoy. Whether it is fishing for wall-eye on Lake Erie or watching waterfowl in the unique coastal marshes, the outdoor opportunities are the finest in the Nation.

Serving as an important transportation hub, Monroe County features the largest highway gateway into Michigan and the State's only international port on Lake Erie.

Monroe County is also known for its rich agricultural heritage, as well as its strong manufacturing presence, including the headquarters of furniture manufacturer La-Z-Boy.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my gratitude to the many citizens and organizations that comprise the Monroe County Bicentennial Alliance. They

generously gave of their time to coordinate a number of special programs and events throughout the year. It is an honor to join with them to commemorate this exciting milestone for Monroe County, a place where the community proudly comes together to make it a special place to visit and call home.

Congratulations, Monroe County, on 200 years. I look forward to celebrating it with you.

HONORING MIKE MCGARVIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Mike McGarvin, a role model for one and all, and a gentleman who truly made a difference in his lifetime.

Mike was the beloved founder of the Poverello House, a homeless shelter in Fresno, California, which provides three meals a day, 365 days a year, to those in need, as well as clothing, medical services, and temporary shelter for those who are most vulnerable and have challenges in their life.

For decades, Mike served countless people in the Fresno area using one simple message: "Listen with compassion; give with a warm heart and a smile."

Think about that: Listen with compassion and give with a warm heart and a smile.

The lives of hundreds and thousands of individuals were made better because of Mike's helping hand. He will be remembered by all for his deep compassion and boundless kindness.

Mike was a role model for me and for all who knew him. He leaves a legacy of service and selflessness, both through the Poverello House and in the hearts of those people he touched throughout the years.

I join Mike's family and the supporters of the Poverello House over the years in honoring his life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Valley Children's Hospital for their recent recognition as one of the Nation's top 50 children's hospitals in the country, which I represent. I have been there and know of the work they do.

In their annual Best Children's Hospitals report, U.S. News & World Report ranked the hospital in a host of key critical areas as among the top in pediatric orthopedics, pediatric diabetes and endocrinology, and pediatric gastroenterology and GI surgery.

To see these preemies in their beds and these young, little lives being saved as a result of the overall effort of the children's hospital is truly heartwarming.

We in the Valley have known for decades how highly skilled and dedicated the nurses, doctors, and staff are at Valley Children's Hospital. It was

founded more than 60 years ago with the mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive medical care to children, regardless of their ability to pay, and to continuously improve upon the health and well-being of these children. That is why, in part, the cuts that are being proposed to Medicaid are so devastating all around the country, but especially among our children who are not in a position to afford this kind of care.

Valley Children's Hospital has grown and is now the second largest children's hospital in California. It has many more patients than any other pediatric hospital north of San Diego. The hospital's emergency room is the only dedicated pediatric emergency room between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Valley Children's Hospital has been designated as a magnet nursing hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, which is a recognition of true excellence in nursing care. Less than 3 percent of all hospitals in the United States earn this designation.

Once again, I am a regular visitor to this hospital. When you see the staff, who have an incredible heart, and all the loving care they provide, and you see the parents and families with their young babies and young children, you know that something special is going on here.

On behalf of my constituents in the Valley community, I would like to congratulate Valley Children's Hospital for their recent recognition as one of the Nation's top 50 children's hospitals.

I would also like to thank all of the dedicated staff, once again, who are committed to improving the health and well-being of not only the children of our Valley and in California, but across the Nation. We know that all of the nurses and physicians make a difference throughout our country.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and, specifically, chapter 717.

My friends and neighbors there who serve in this chapter are working to erect a monument on the Treasure Coast of Florida to those who were injured in battle while defending our great Nation. They may have been targeted by a sniper, a victim of an improvised explosive device, or they may have been charging a hill somewhere in Vietnam.

The marker that they have worked to erect at Indian Riverside Park in Martin County will bring awareness and recognition to the true cost of freedom, which is the blood that is shed by selfless men and women who have served across the world in defense of